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1. General Information. The area of Port San Juan, Peru has recently been rebuilt and today is considered one of South America's finest ore ports. It is now a modern ore handling port capable of loading large vessels in approximately ten to twelve hours. Two highways have been built, one being a paved two lane highspeed roadway connecting the ore mines with the port area. A second highway is presently under construction and will be a paved roadway which will run along the Peruvian coast in a north and south direction connecting San Juan with nearby cities. Several buildings have been constructed in the port area and are presently used as offices, warehouses and quarters for the port authorities and company employees. A finger pier extending approximately 800 feet to the seaward has been recently completed. According to the informant there is no surge or strong tides which present difficulties when maneuvering to secure alongside the pier. The area of San Juan is arid dry country and it is reported that fresh water must be hauled almost fifty miles to San Juan due to the lack of natural water facilities there. No stores, provisions or bunkers are obtainable at San Juan and the surrounding area leaves little in the way of entertainment or recreation for crew members while vessels are secured to its dock.
2. Methods of Hauling Ore from Mine to Ships. The ore is obtained from mines located to the east of the port of San Juan and is hauled by modern American trucks over the highway to an ore stockpile located at San Juan. A truck unloading hopper has been constructed to expedite the unloading of trucks and from the hopper, ore is carried to an ore stockpile located close to the pier area. A belt conveyor has been built to carry the ore on to the new pier where it is then loaded aboard vessels by means of a traveling gantry. It is reported that the conveyor and gantry are capable of loading 1000 tons of ore per hour and could easily load a 10 thousand ton American vessel in less than 12 hours.

Available on loan from CIA Library are (1) Copy of Plan of Port of San Juan and surrounding area showing highway and newly constructed pier and (2) Copy of plan showing ship loading facilities, carrier belt system and methods of operation.

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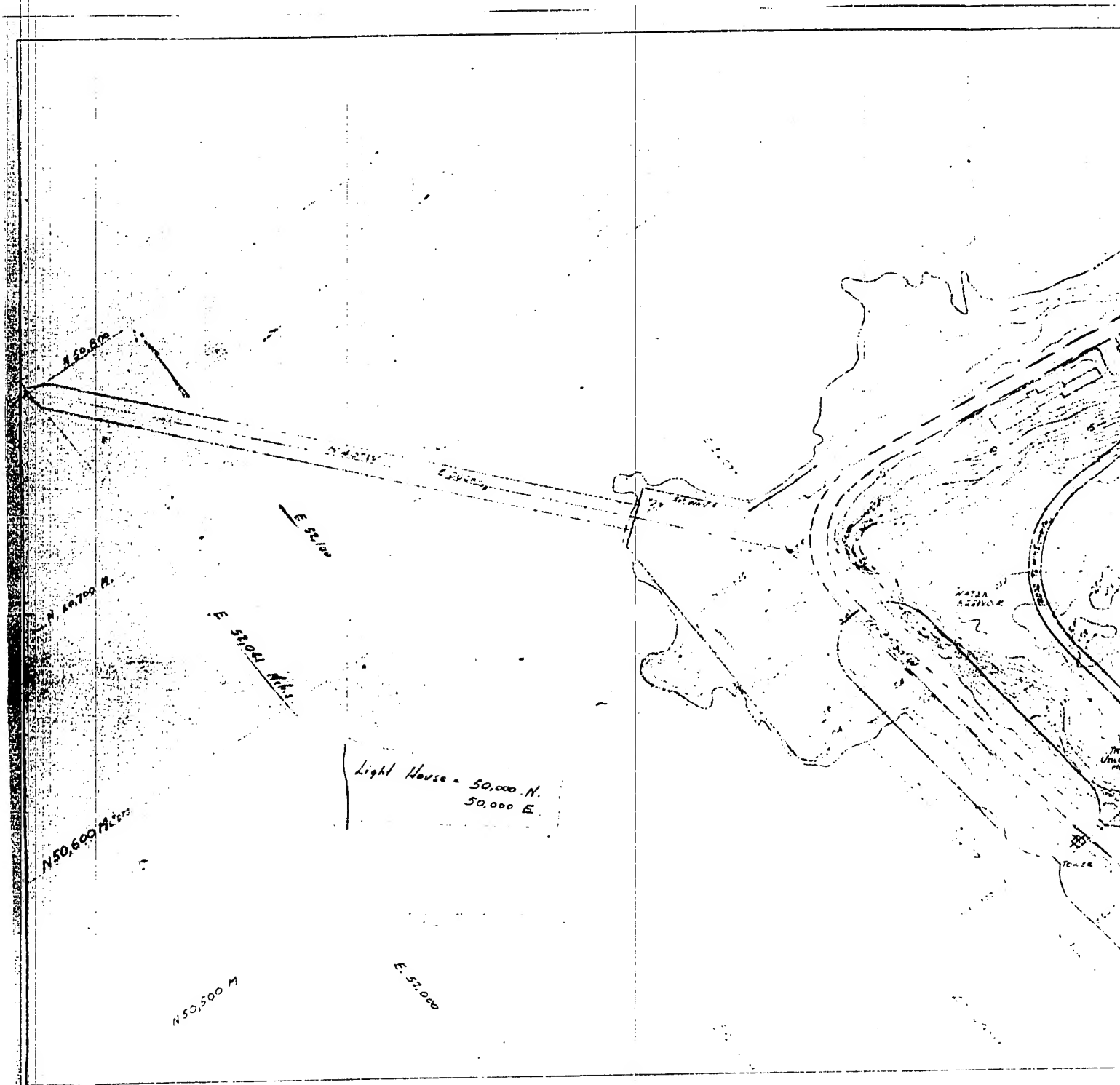
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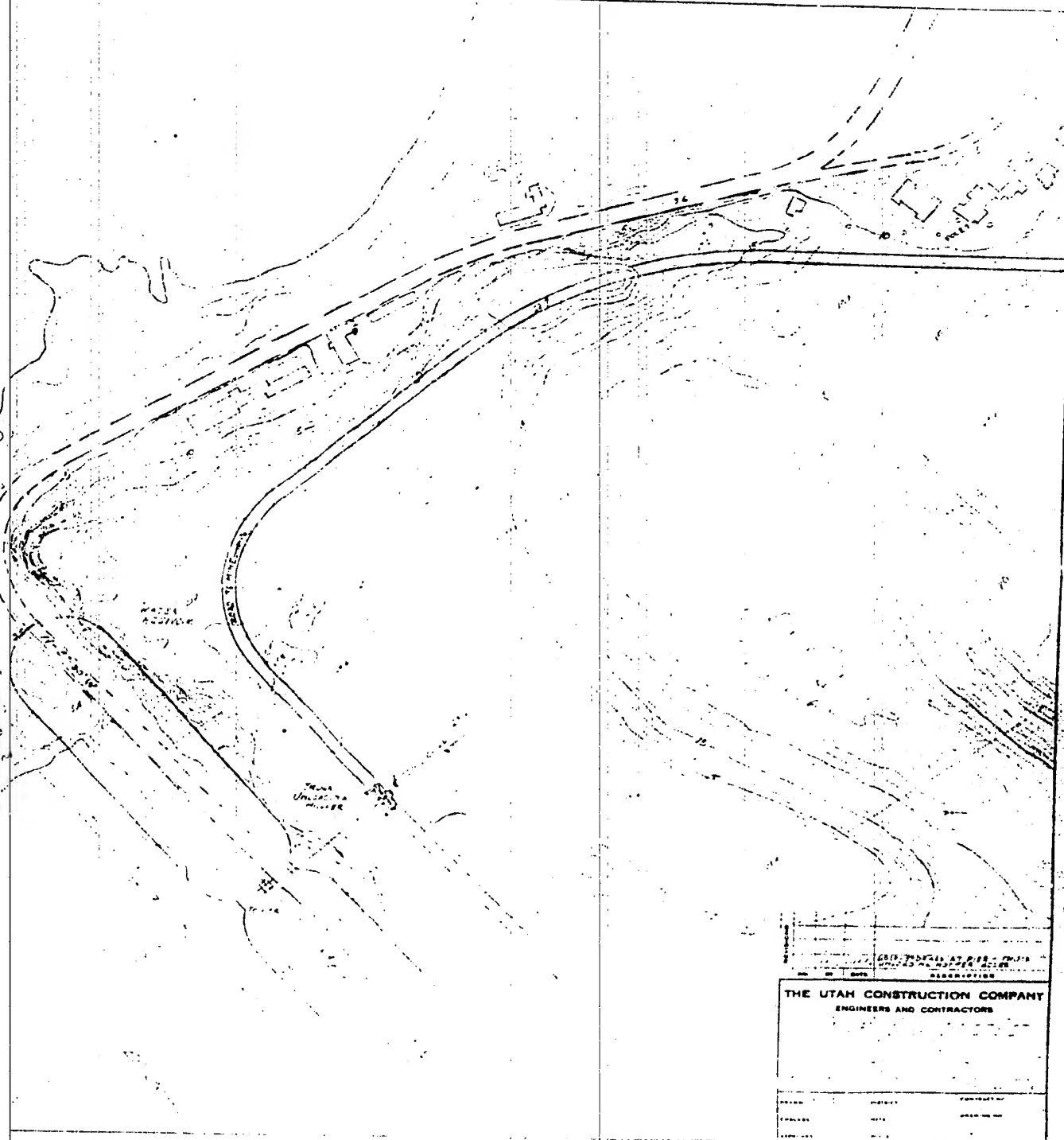
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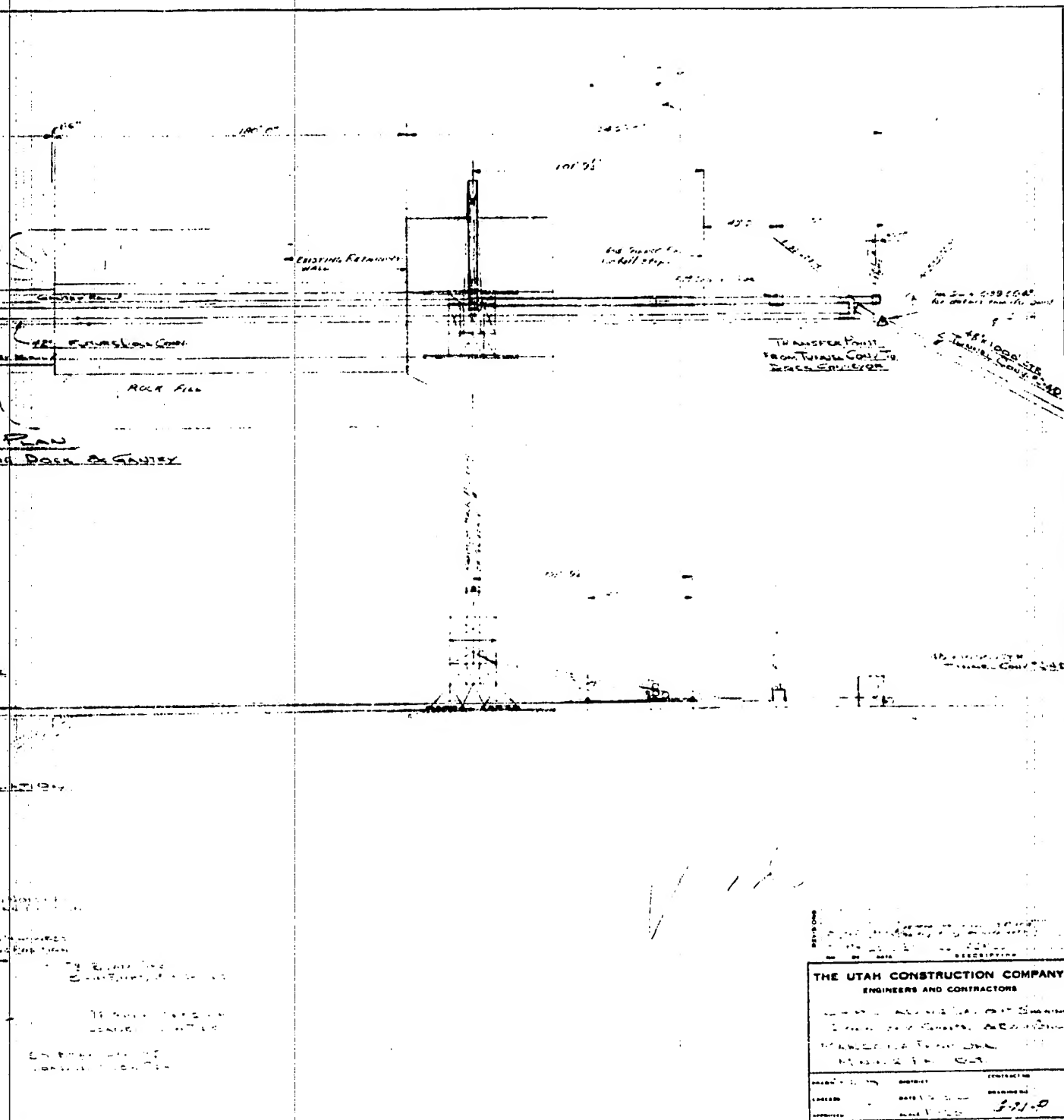
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